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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
as of 1600

1. As of 1600 the situation seems to be that the rebels still have the initiative in Santo Domingo. The rebels have overrun a number of police stations and violated the embassy of El Salvador.
2. The San Isidro airfield is to be kept open tonight, even if US help is required, for incoming US aircraft.
3. Many refugees are presently on the US Embassy grounds. There is a serious shortage of food and medicine in the capital.
4. Ambassador Bennett has just changed his mind and now wants US marines not to land but to prepare to land. The marines will be prepared to seal off the downtown section of the city where the main Communist strongholds are.

State Dept. review completed